

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently amended) An oral microemulsion composition for treating a liver disease, which comprises biphenyldimethyldicarboxylate (BDD) and silybin or a derivative thereof, or a *Carduus marianus* extract containing silybin and a derivatives thereof, as active ingredients; a co-surfactant; a surfactant; and an oil, wherein the silybin derivative is silycristin, silydiamin or isosilybin.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the biphenyldimethyldicarboxylate : *Carduus marianus* extract : co-surfactant : surfactant : oil ratio by weight is in the range of 1 : 1~100 : 10~150 : 5~100 : 1~50.

4. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the biphenyldimethyldicarboxylate : silybin or the silybin derivative : co-surfactant : surfactant : oil ratio by weight is in the range of 1 : 0.3~33 : 10~150 : 5~100 : 1~50.

5. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the co-surfactant is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, propyleneglycol, polyethyleneglycol, propylene carbonate, transcitol, glycofurol, dimethyl isosorbide and a mixture thereof.

6. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 5, wherein the co-surfactant is transcitol.

7. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of: polyoxyethylene glycolated natural or hydrogenated vegetable oils, polyoxyethylene-sorbitan-fatty acid esters, polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters; polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymers; polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymers; sodium dioctyl sulfosuccinate; sodium lauryl sulfate; phospholipids; propylene glycol mono- or di-fatty acid esters; trans-esterification products of natural vegetable oil triglycerides and polyalkylene polyols; mono-, di- or mono/di-glycerides, sorbitan fatty acid esters; sterols or derivatives thereof; and a mixture thereof.

8. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 7, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene glycolated natural or hydrogenated vegetable oils, polyoxyethylene-sorbitan-fatty acid esters and a mixture thereof.

9. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 1, wherein the oil is selected from the group consisting of: medium chain fatty acid triglycerides; mono-, di- or

mono/di-glycerides; monovalent alkanol esters of fatty acids; natural vegetable or animal oils; squalene; squalane; oleic acid; linoleic acid; and a mixture thereof.

10. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 9, wherein the oil is selected from the group consisting of medium chain fatty acid triglycerides, mono-, di- or mono/di-glycerides, esters of fatty acids and monovalent alkanols and a mixture thereof.

11. (Original) The oral microemulsion composition of claim 1, which forms microparticles having an average particle size of less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  upon contact with an aqueous medium.